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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.) (currently amended) A polymer system comprising:

A.) an anionic polymer selected from the group consisting of

(i) anionic polymers comprising;

a.) a first moiety derived from monoethylenically unsaturated C_3-C_8 monomers comprising at least one carboxylic acid group, salts of such monomers, and mixtures thereof; and

b.) a second moiety selected from the group consisting of:

(1) moieties derived from modified unsaturated monomers having the formulae R – Y – L and R – Z wherein:

i.) R is selected from the group consisting of C(X)H=C(R^1)- wherein R^1 is H, or C_1-C_4 alkyl; and X is H, CO_2H, or CO_2R_2 wherein R_2 is ~~hydrogen,~~ alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, ammonium and amine bases, saturated C_1-C_{20} alkyl, C_6-C_{12} aryl, and C_7-C_{20} alkylaryl;

ii.) Y is selected from the group consisting of –CH_2-, -CO_2-, -OCO-, ~~and~~ –CON(R^a)-, and -CH_2OCO-; wherein R^a is H or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

iii.)L is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, ammonium and amine bases, saturated C_1-C_{20} alkyl, C_6-C_{12} aryl, and C_7-C_{20} alkylaryl; and

iv.)Z is selected from the group consisting of C_6-C_{12} aryl and C_7-C_{12} arylalkyl; and

(2) moieties having the formula J–G–D wherein:

i.) J is selected from the group consisting of C(X)H=C(R_1)- wherein R_1 is H, or C_1-C_4 alkyl; X is H, CO_2H, or CO_2R_2 wherein R_2 is ~~hydrogen,~~ alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, ammonium and amine bases, saturated C_2-C_{20} alkyl, C_6-C_{12} aryl, C_7-C_{20} alkylaryl;

ii.) G is selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_4 alkyl, -O-, $-CH_2O-$, $-CO_2-$;

iii.)D is selected from the group consisting of

$-CH_2CH(OH)CH_2O(R^3O)_dR_4$;

$-CH_2CH[O(R^3O)_dR^4]CH_2OH$;

$-CH_2CH(OH)CH_2NR^5(R^3O)_dR^4$;

$-CH_2CH[NR^5(R^3O)_dR^4]CH_2OH$, and mixtures thereof; wherein R^3 is selected from the group consisting of ethylene, 1,2-propylene, 1,3-propylene, 1,2-butylene, 1,4-butylene, and mixtures thereof; R^4 is a capping unit selected from the group consisting of H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_6-C_{12} aryl and C_7-C_{20} alkylaryl; R^5 is selected from the group consisting of H, C_1-C_4 alkyl C_6-C_{12} aryl and C_7-C_{20} alkylaryl; and subscript index d is an integer from 1 to 100;

(ii) graft co-polymers comprising a first moiety derived from monoethylenically unsaturated C_3-C_8 monomers comprising at least one carboxylic acid group, salts of such monomers, and mixtures thereof, said first moieties being grafted onto a C_1-C_4 carbon polyalkylene oxide, and mixtures thereof; and

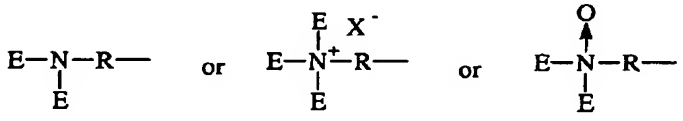
B.) a modified polyamine polymer selected from the group consisting of

(i) modified polyamines having the formulae

$$V_{(n+1)}W_mY_nZ \text{ or } V_{(n-k+1)}W_mY_nY'_kZ$$

wherein m is an integer from 0 to about 400; n is an integer from 0 to about 400; k is less than or equal to n wherein

a.) V units are terminal units having the formula:



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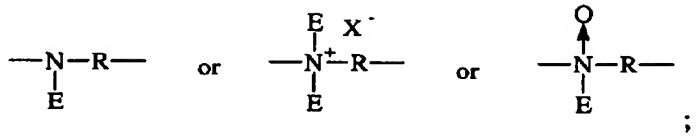
b.) W units are backbone units having the formula: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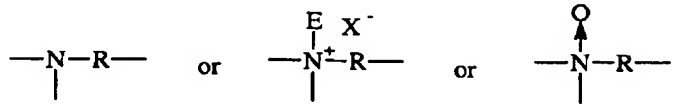
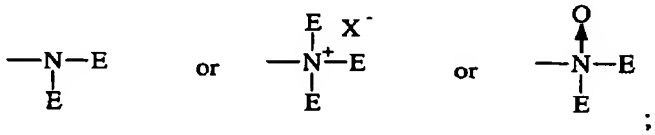
c.) Y and Y' units are branching units having the formula:


; and

d.) Z units are terminal units having the formula: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wherein:

R units are selected from the group consisting of C_2-C_{12} alkylene, C_4-C_{12} alkenylene, C_3-C_{12} hydroxyalkylene, C_4-C_{12} dihydroxy-alkylene, C_8-C_{12} dialkylarylene, $-(R^1O)_xR^1-$, $-(R^1O)_xR^5(OR^1)_x-$, $-(CH_2CH(OR^2)CH_2O)_z-(R^1O)_yR^1(OCH_2CH(OR^2)CH_2)_w-$, $-C(O)(R^4)_rC(O)-$, $-CH_2CH(OR^2)CH_2-$, and mixtures thereof; wherein

R^1 is C_2-C_3 alkylene and mixtures thereof;

R^2 is hydrogen, $-(R^1O)_xB$, and mixtures thereof;

wherein at least one B is selected from the group consisting of $-(CH_2)_q-SO_3M$, $-(CH_2)_pCO_2M$, $-(CH_2)_q(CHSO_3M)CH_2SO_3M$, $-(CH_2)_q-(CHSO_2M)CH_2SO_3M$, $-(CH_2)_pPO_3M$, $-PO_3M$, and mixtures thereof, and any remaining B moieties are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-(CH_2)_q-SO_3M$, $-(CH_2)_pCO_2M$, $-(CH_2)_q(CHSO_3M)CH_2SO_3M$, $-(CH_2)_q-(CHSO_2M)CH_2SO_3M$, $-(CH_2)_pPO_3M$, $-PO_3M$, and mixtures thereof;

R^4 is C_1-C_{12} alkylene, C_4-C_{12} alkenylene, C_8-C_{12} arylalkylene, C_6-C_{10} arylene, and mixtures thereof;

R^5 is C_1-C_{12} alkylene, C_3-C_{12} hydroxy-alkylene, C_4-C_{12} dihydroxyalkylene, C_8-C_{12} dialkylarylene, -C(O)-, $-C(O)NHR^6NHC(O)-$, $-R^1(OR^1)-$, -

$C(O)(R^4)_rC(O)$-, $-CH_2CH(OH)CH_2$-, $-CH_2CH(OH)CH_2O(R^1O)_yR^1$-$OCH_2CH(OH)CH_2$-, and mixtures thereof;

R^6 is C_2-C_{12} alkylene or C_6-C_{12} arylene;

~~X~~X is a water soluble anion; provided at least one backbone nitrogen is quaternized or oxidized E units are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_{22} alkyl, C_3-C_{22} alkenyl, C_7-C_{22} arylalkyl, C_2-C_{22} hydroxyalkyl, $-(CH_2)_pCO_2M$, $-(CH_2)_qSO_3M$, $-CH(CH_2CO_2M)$-CO_2M, $-(CH_2)_pPO_3M$, $-(R^1O)_xB$, $-C(O)R^3$, and mixtures thereof; provided that when any E unit of a nitrogen is a hydrogen, said nitrogen is not also an N-oxide;

R^1 is C_2-C_3 alkylene and mixtures thereof;

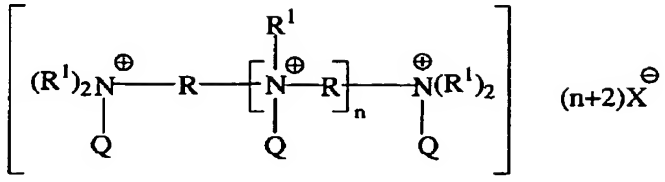
R^3 is C_1-C_{18} alkyl, C_7-C_{12} arylalkyl, C_7-C_{12} alkyl substituted aryl, C_6-C_{12} aryl, and mixtures thereof;

at least one B is selected from the group consisting of $-(CH_2)_q$-SO_3M, $-(CH_2)_pCO_2M$, $-(CH_2)_q(CHSO_3M)CH_2SO_3M$, $-(CH_2)_q$-$(CHSO_2M)CH_2SO_3M$, $-(CH_2)_pPO_3M$, $-PO_3M$, and mixtures thereof, and any remaining B moieties are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-(CH_2)_q$-SO_3M, $-(CH_2)_pCO_2M$, $-(CH_2)_q(CHSO_3M)CH_2SO_3M$, $-(CH_2)_q$-$(CHSO_2M)CH_2SO_3M$, $-(CH_2)_pPO_3M$, $-PO_3M$, and mixtures thereof;

M is hydrogen or a water soluble cation in sufficient amount to satisfy charge balance; and

wherein the values for the following indices are as follows: subscript index p is an integer from 1 to 6; subscript index q is an integer from 0 to 6; subscript index r has the value of 0 or 1; subscript index w has the value 0 or 1; subscript index x is an integer from 1 to 100; subscript index y is an integer from 0 to 100; and subscript index z has the value 0 or 1;

(ii) modified polyamines having formula (I):



wherein;

a.) R is C_6-C_{20} linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;

b.) $X^{\ominus}$ is an anion present in sufficient amount to provide electronic neutrality;

c.) n and subscript index n have equal values and are integers from 0 to 4;

d.) R^1 is a capped polyalkyleneoxy unit having formula:

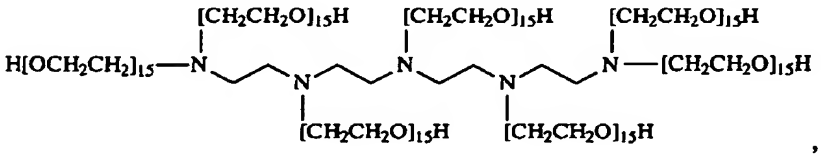
$$-(R^2O)_x-R^3$$

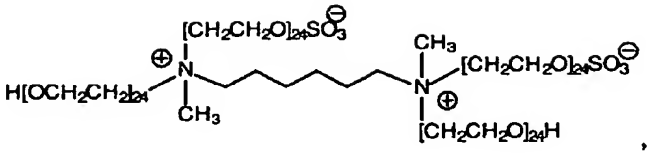
wherein R^2 is C_2-C_4 linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof; subscript index x has a value from about 1 to about 50; at least one R^3 moiety is an anionic capping unit, with the remaining R^3 moieties being selected from the group comprising hydrogen, C_1-C_{22} alkylenearyl, an anionic capping unit, a neutral capping unit, and mixtures thereof;

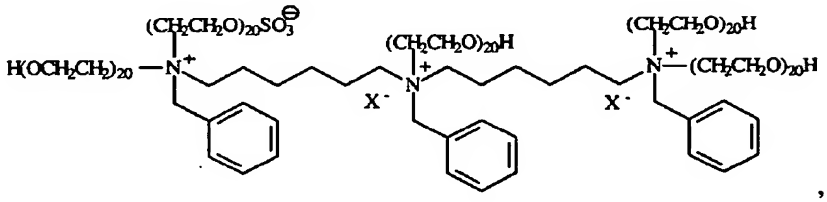
e.) at least one Q moiety, is a hydrophobic quaternizing unit selected from the group comprising C_7-C_{30} substituted or unsubstituted alkylenearyl, and mixtures thereof, any remaining Q moieties are selected from the group comprising lone pairs of electrons on the unreacted nitrogens, hydrogen, C_1-C_{30} substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched alkyl, or C_3-C_{30} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, and mixtures thereof;

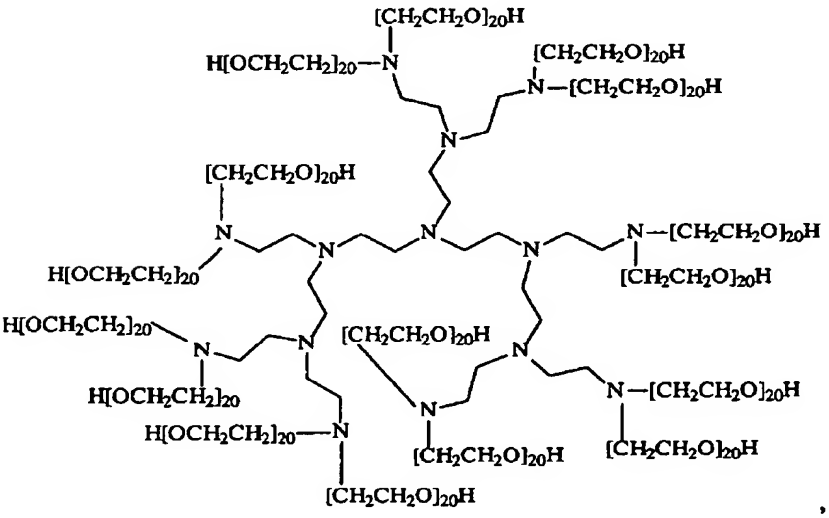
and mixtures thereof.

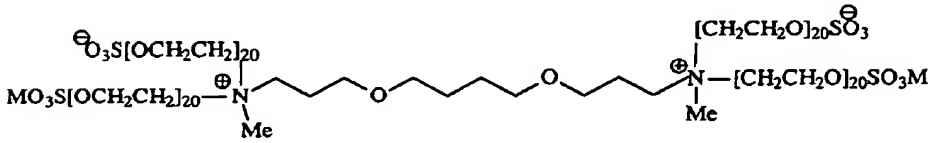
2.) (original) The polymer system of Claim 1 wherein said modified polyamine polymer is selected from the group consisting of polymers having the following formulae:











and mixtures thereof.

3.) (original) A cleaning composition comprising the polymer system of Claim 1

4.) (cancelled)